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By way of a sign of the times Oregon turns up with a big Republican plurality.

The Advertiser, this morning, gives a complete summary of the world's news between June 1 and the afternoon of June 6.

Ex-Consul Haywood will receive congratulations to-day on his appointment to a Federal post in these Islands. The honor is worthily bestowed.

Morris M. Estee is to be the first Federal Judge of Hawaii. The Advertiser has already expressed its pleasure at the fact as Mr. Estee has all the qualities of a great jurist and is a most desirable citizen.

Bryan is getting the delegations and Dewey the condolences. The Admiral now says he does not know what prompted him to aspire for the Presidency. If he is really in doubt on that point he should ask Mrs. Dewey.

The war stamp tax may prove a grievance to the flesh but Hawaii will soon get used to it. Among other things, it promises to increase the cost of ocean passage from these Islands as each ticket must have a stamp, the cost of which falls on the buyer. However, as it was the war that brought Hawaii into the Union it is but fair that our people should help defray the cost.

Lord Roberts is in Pretoria but he seems to have got little besides the town. The entire Boer army, with guns, wagon train and commissariat intact is reported to have gone into the mountains towards the Portuguese border. Whether it intends to fight or deliver its arms to a neutral as Bourbaki did in 1870 when he retreated before the Germans into Switzerland, is a yet unsettled question.

The proposal of Mr. W. O. Smith to save the Hawaiian flag as a Territorial ensign is one that the Legislature will hardly fail to adopt. Such a course would please everyone who has lived under the Island colors and would serve the ends of historical continuity. Separate flags for States and Territories, to be raised with the Stars and Stripes on local Government buildings and to be carried by the militia are common in the American system and therefore appropriate here.

What are the police doing to find bicycle thieves? Wheels are being stolen all the time and few if any are recovered. Ten turned up missing on Kamehameha Day. As many stolen machines are presumed to be carried aboard ship by sailors or casual passengers, and as suspicious people are often seen pedaling up and down the avenues, we assume that the police, if they would take a little hustling serum, could get back some of the lost property. As it is we know of a case where they did not even take the trouble to make a memorandum of an owner's complaint.

A few years ago Hawaii had better cantaloupes or musk melons than were to be found in the San Francisco market—and that is saying a great deal. They were delicious, abundant and cheap. Now the cantaloupe is a rarity owing to the inevitable worm which came ashore from some cargo boat and attacked it in the flower. Seeing that any subtraction from our limited Island menu is a loss of moment and the subtraction of the luscious cantaloupe a loss of severity, how would it do to appeal to Mr. Koebele for relief? Once started on the trail of the parasite which kills the melon worm Mr. Koebele would be sure to stay by it until he had found the destroyer.

The English, having cured the Boer of the idea that the Lord is backing him against themselves, ought to be willing to let him settle down peacefully in his own country. Exile is a punishment which may be safely dispensed with among men who have been drubbed and decimated in war. To prove it, look at the results of the conciliatory policy taken by the Federals after the American Rebellion. None of the Confederate leaders were banished and Jefferson Davis himself, after a short imprisonment, was allowed to live at home and this despite the fact that he declined to renew his allegiance to the United States. The old rebel leaders all became useful citizens. So did the Tories of the American revolutionary period. As for the Boers if they can be induced to stay where they are and mix with the English race South Africa will one day have as fine a population as any in the world.

CHANGING HAWAII.

Today Hawaii passes out of the political stage of transition and to-morrow it becomes one of the indissoluble union of States and Territories. Some things that have proved good for us in the past have been lost; more things that will be good for us in future are being gained. Commercially speaking the outlook is all that could be wished for by the most ardent friend of Hawaii. Our sugar can never be removed from the American free list. We are assured of the cable and of a naval station at Pearl Harbor. Capital, unless driven away by some unfortunate renaissance of fanatical politics, will flow hither in a steady and flooding stream. Real estate, subject to the same conditions, promises great returns to investment. We look to see Honolulu and Hilo in a few years' time as populous, respectively, as Los Angeles and San Diego. The opening of public lands means that thrifty white settlers will multiply. Old Hawaii will vanish with much of its picturesque and charm of primitive racial customs; new Hawaii will come with the intense activities that mark the American commercial spirit. The passwords for the day will be Hail and Farewell.

The so-called Independent movement in the native electorate is taking on the form of fusion with the Democrats. According to the native Royalist organ the "combine" has been nearly if not quite made. Among other things that paper says: "The decision of Prince Kawanakoa, (to go as a delegate to Kansas City) was hailed by Democrats and Independents alike as a sign of the harmony which exists between the two parties; and the voice of Hawaiians will be heard in the prayer for God speed to the young Alii who, at Kansas City, will represent his people and assure the great politicians who will gather there that the Hawaiians are good Americans and good Democrats." Elsewhere it is stated that the Democrats have at all times been true friends of the Hawaiians, whereupon, we presume the party of Senator Morgan, Mr. Willis and Dr. McGrew, foster-fathers of annexation, will feel correspondingly virtuous.

While a union of natives and Democrats at a time when the leaders of the National Democracy are proposing to draw the color line is illogical and mischievous it is better for the Hawaiians than to flock by themselves. To join an American party is a long stride in the path of progress. Eventually it will mean a division of all natives between both parties; for, as is well understood, the native voters never stay together long in one political body. They take to factions as stormy petrels do to gales. In the present case they will soon see that the white Democrats mean to get offices for themselves if possible, and not for their native allies. That the latter will resent. Hence there is no danger of a solid Democratic vote—not even at the start, for Testa and Wilcox can only take a portion of the natives with them at best.

The Advertiser ventures the prediction that the Hawaiian delegates to Kansas City will return with their Democratic ardor materially cooled. It will not take them long to find out that the majority of the Democratic delegates, particularly those from the South, will not treat them as equals. If Prince David and his friends find a courteous spirit among the Democratic leaders they will be the first people of any color other than white to do so. Let them, if they want to know the real spirit of Democracy, go among the Southern men and try to get on friendly terms with them. They will soon see that Senator Tillman represented the Southern Democracy when he said that "there is little difference of opinion in the South as to not wanting any more colored people (specifying Hawaiians and Porto Ricans as such) added to our population or adding territory inhabited by them;" and that there will be "no toleration of a policy that demands one course to be followed in the South and another in Hawaii and the Spanish Islands."

DEMOCRACY AND THE CANAL.

The local Democratic platform says: "We hold as unfriendly to the interests of Hawaii the policy of President McKinley which prevents the passage at this session of the Nicaragua Canal bill and declare our belief that the American people have the power and the right to legislate in the interest of America without waiting for the consent of England or any other nation on earth." This plank is an example of painstaking deception which marks its author as a competent writer of Democratic platforms. That President McKinley is in favor of the passage of the Nicaragua Canal bill is proved by his messages and by his strenuous efforts to get a Democratic obstacle out of its way. This obstacle is the Clayton-Bulwer treaty giving Great Britain joint control with the United States of a canal that may traverse any portion of Central America, connecting the two oceans. That such a treaty should have been made is a matter of amazement to patriotic Americans, but there it is, bound by solemn covenants and it must either be abrogated before the canal is begun or the building of the great waterway must be subject to it. As in duty bound President McKinley seeks first to rid the enterprise of British jurisdiction and for this the local Democratic platform calls him to account on the score of delay. What would the Democrats have an over-hasty course that would play into foreign hands or the deliberate policy which, in the end, and that not far off, would make the canal an American property?

"Without waiting for the consent of England or any other nation on earth," is a high-sounding phrase fit to tickle the ears of the groundlings but likely in the connection with which it is used, to make the judicious grieve. When A makes a contract with B he must wait B's consent before he breaks it and will do so if he is a man of honor. It is the same way with nations and their treaties. When one power signs a treaty with another the terms of the instrument must be religiously observed by both and if broken by one, from motives of self-interest, the offender loses its good name in the chancelleries of the world. No power can afford to let its credit, as a treaty-making agency, be put on the world's black list. In the specific case of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty abrogation must be a thing of mutual consent. That point is emphatically made in the agreement. Hence if we do not "ask consent" of our international partner for the building of an interoceanic canal we, as a nation, will be put in a most humiliating attitude and may be summoned before a court of arbitration to show cause why we should not pay damages. To go back to first principles the canal bill is lagging because the Democratic party gave Great Britain the right to interfere with it. But for that we might now have the great waterway well advanced.

After many years' waiting the case of the Kow Shing has been referred to the President of the United States for arbitration. In going over the matter he will be assisted by Hon. John W. Foster. The Kow Shing, as many of our readers remember, was the British vessel sunk in the summer of 1894 by the Japanese cruiser Naniwa, while carrying troops from China to Korea, an incident which started hostilities in the China-Japan war. As the ship was under the Union Jack and as a formal declaration of war had not been made, Great Britain set up the claim of damages which is now in the way of being adjudicated.

News of Coast Files Abbreviated for Quick Reading.

Rev. D. L. Garrett of St. Luke's church, San Francisco, has resigned his charge on account of ill health.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Trowbridge of San Francisco and Thos. G. Roberts, assistant naval constructor of the United States navy, is announced. Brooks street, in San Francisco, running from Geary to Market, and known as "Elbow Alley," has been blocked by a board fence by the Blythe estate. A fine block is to be built on the spot.

The Philippine commission arrived at Manila on the Hancock on June 3.

William R. Hearst, owner of the New York Journal and the San Francisco Examiner, will start an evening paper in Chicago on July 2.

Trowbridge Ward, clerk of the California Supreme Court, is dead.

The police of Chicago have raided the pool rooms at Hawthorne and confiscated the paraphernalia of the bookies. Miss Elizabeth Code of San Francisco and Lieut. Commander R. F. Nicholson of the U. S. S. Farragut have been married in San Francisco.

Maj. Gen. Otis, still in quarantine at Angel Island, San Francisco, was forced to submit to vaccination by the quarantine officers.

There is much anxiety in Shanghai over the safety of Americans who have not succeeded yet in reaching Tientsin.

At San Augustine, Tex., three men were killed in a feud growing out of politics.

Thomas J. Winship has confessed to having killed Frank Navarez in San Jose, Cal. Both were intoxicated at the time.

James Brown Potter has secured a divorce from his wife, the well known actress.

Four thousand club women are in attendance on the meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Milwaukee.

A bogus medical college in Chicago, known as the Metropolitan Medical College, has been raided by the postal officials.

A measure to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty has been reported favorably in the Senate.

A minority report has been filed by Lentz of Ohio and Hay of Virginia, members of the House committee which investigated the Cœur d'Alene mining troubles. The report censures General Merriam.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriations bill granting \$500,000 for the Paris exposition.

Wireless telegraphic stations are to be established in San Francisco harbor. A discovery has been made by a Vienna dentist whereby certain electric currents will destroy bacteria, thus painlessly healing disease.

Montague White, the Transvaal's agent at London, who is now in Chicago, says that the Boers are forced to take up guerrilla tactics.

At Malons, the youthful highwayman who killed an Ogden, Utah, policeman, must die, says the Supreme Court of Utah.

George A. Smith, brother of United States Senator W. A. Smith, is in jail in San Jose, Cal., for battery. Drink caused his downfall.

The "cannon ball" express on the International Great Northern was held up in Texas, near the Mexican line, but the robbers got no booty.

Confederate veterans celebrated Jeff Davis' birthday at Louisville on June 3. Guggenheimer may be mayor of New York City.

The latest estimate of the Klondike catch-up is \$25,000,000.

The earthquake of May 12th in Japan did great damage in Sendai, Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures. There were heavy horizontal shocks in succession. Forty houses were knocked down in Sendai.

Thousands are dying daily in the Bombay districts, of cholera and small-pox.

Rebels threaten Panama. Insurgents are reported six miles from the city. Mrs. John Sherman is dead.

In the Senate Pettigrew impugned the honor of Hanna and Carter in handling campaign funds.

A London dispatch dated June 3, says that Roberts reports all quiet at Johannesburg.

The Duke of Cambridge's yeomanry have been rescued from their difficult position at Senekal.

Krueger is reported as suffering from paralysis of the brain, says a London dispatch of June 4.

The Varag, Russian cruiser, at a trial trip, showed twenty-two knots under natural draft. She is built by Cramps, at Philadelphia.

Christ Scientists at Milwaukee have been convicted of violation of the medical law.

Charges of extravagance against Paris Exposition Commissioner Peck are not substantiated.

Della Fox, the comic opera star, has been committed to an insane asylum on petition of her brother. Her troubles are said to be due to drink.

The report of Aguinaldo's death is generally credited by Filipinos, according to London dispatches.

Ex-City Clerk Shunkin of Fresno is free from charges of embezzlement.

W. J. Breckenridge, a Los Angeles druggist, was killed by footpads.

Congress has passed the Louisiana Purchase celebration bill.

Seventy officers and eighteen hundred men have died in the Philippines since the war began.

George P. Anderson, the oldest Odd Fellow in Indiana, died, aged 76 years.

It is announced that the Chicago India famine relief committee has cabled £1,000 to Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy, to be used in the famine districts.

In a letter mailed to Lady Curzon, for-foresaid Mary Leiter of Chicago, it is explained that other cities aided in collecting the amount.

Pittsburg reports an impending reduction in the price of steel billets and pig iron. Billets will go to \$28 per ton. Bradley Martin and William Waldorf Astor are fighting to be relieved of taxes in New York on the score of non-residence. Astor is assessed on \$2,000,000 and Bradley-Martin on \$200,000.

Laborers are scarce in Kansas. Dr. Theodore Menges, one of the best known dental authorities in the country, is dead, as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

The debate in the Senate on the armor question became acrimonious, and Allen, Tillman and Hanna waged a wordy warfare in which political questions were discussed and party lines were sharply drawn.

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